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(54) Title: A DRINK COMPOSITION AND A METHOD FOR COMPOSING A DRINK

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a drink composition comprising active agents, and to a method for composing a drink. Specifically, the invention is directed to a drink composition to be used during long-lasting sports activities demanding constant energy supply and intensive concentration. The drink composition of the invention is characterized in that it contains glucose, fructose, guarana, and a physiologically active amount of a pycnogenol extract. The method of the invention is characterized in that the active agents are individually selected on the basis of the characteristics of the target group, single user and/or conditions of use, said active agents having at least partly complementing actions.

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Present claims 16-18, 20, 23-25 relate to a method for preparing a beverage comprising active components and which is used in a long period of performances which requires a good concentration to improve and hold the capacity. The claims cover all beverages comprising arbitrary active components having this property. In fact, the claim contains so many options, variables and possible permutations that a lack of clarity and conciseness within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible.

Furthermore, claims 16-18, 20, 23-25 relate to a method defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely "which demands a good concentration to improve and maintain the performance" and "that the active substances are chosen according to a target group, the user and/or --so that they by common effect, at least partly, complement each other effect in an advantageous way for the user". These definitions are not comparable with prior art. Thus, the claims cover all processes with a product having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and / or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such processes with a product. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lacks clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the product and the process by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, namely beverages comprising glucose, fructose, guarana, taurine and flavonoids.

The applicants attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established will not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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